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Dear Sir:-

In re: Henry Stevens alibi.

On Tuesday evening I received word that Mrs. Henry Stevens desired to see me. I went to Bound Brook with Mr. Carpenter and Mrs. Stevens then informed me that one of the witnesses that they were relying upon to show that Mr. Stevens was at Lavalette at the time the murder was committed was a man named Mellinger; that Mellinger had been examined by Simpson and Underwood at Toms River, and that Simpson had misled him or confused him into mistaking the day and date that he saw Henry Stevens at Lavalette. He claims it was done by Simpson starting to question him and asking him what he did on Monday, September 10th, and then following along until he placed what he did on Friday, September 14th. After the statement had been prepared, Mellinger discovered the mistake and informed Inspector Underwood that there had been a mistake made, and he would like to have it rectified, as it was Thursday, September 14th, that he saw Mr. Stevens. However, Underwood informed him that Senator Simpson had left and the statement could not be changed in his absence. Mellinger then wrote to Simpson explaining the error and said that he had two other people, who were visiting him on this particular day and who would be in a position to testify that it was Thursday, September 14th. Simpson thereupon prepared affidavits for these people to sign and sent them to Mellinger, but I am informed these statements pertain to Friday, September 14th. Mellinger then wrote to Simpson asking who was going to pay the Notary fees, and Simpson sent him a money order for \$1.50. As I understand it, he has all of these papers and copies of his letters. After communicating this to you personally the other evening, I saw Mrs. Stevens yesterday morning, and told her what you had decided to do, and requested that she obtain Mellinger's address in case he left Lavalette.

Yours truly,

David Thompson.

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